

Weekly Views

October 24, 2014

Miami Correctional Facility's CLIFF unit made 250 purple draw-string bags, each containing coloring books, crayons and a stuffed animal. The bags were donated to the Indiana State Police Post District #16, Miami County Child Protective Services, Miami County Sheriff's Department and the Emmaus Center of Cass County. The bags will provide comfort to children who may be removed from a home due to a parent's substance abuse, child endangerment or homelessness. The color purple was selected for the bag, as it represents recovery and sobriety as a way of life. (photo below, Director of Addition Recovery Services Tracey Jones and ISP Lieutenant Jeremy Kelly)



The Indiana Women's Prison (IWP) Health and Wellness Committee will be holding a Wellness Walk from the facility to Mt. Rushmore in South Dakota. The trek will take place starting Veteran's Day, November 11 and finishing on President's Day, February 16. Teams of three staff will be tracking their steps on a pedometer during work hours, converting them to mileage and them on a map. The goal for each team is to make it to Mt. Rushmore by President's Day. Prizes will be given for destinations reached along the way.

The Pendleton Artists Society will be hosting a "Day of the Dead" showing where 22 pieces of artwork submitted by offenders from the Pendleton Correctional Facility will be on display. The event will take place gallery's new location at 119 W. State Street in Pendleton on Friday, October 24, from noon to 8:00 pm and on Saturday, Oct 25, from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

You will not believe who won the challenge at Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF) and took the top prize...a refreshing BUCKET OF ICE! Wabash Valley staff made the big splash through donations to the WVCF State Employee Community Campaign (SECC) Ice Bucket Challenge. Superintendent Richard Brown, Assistant Superintendent Frank Littlejohn and Assistant Superintendent Kevin Gilmore each had a container with their likeness displayed. The container with the most money donated by staff took the top prize. All funds raised go to the Correctional Professional Assistance Fund of Indiana (CPAFI). Superintendent Brown said the challenge was a fun way to bring attention to the SECC campaign. Unfortunately, Assistant Superintendent Gilmore was away from the facility for training. Gilmore won and PIO Rich Larsen was named his designee. Larsen simply said, "Let the chips fall where they may, it's for a good cause!"



A yearly goal of donating 16,000 lbs of produce to the local community was met by Putnamville Correctional Facility! 513 additional pounds were delivered to Cunot Community and Senior Center to make the grand total for the year so far 16,007 lbs of goods. The year is still not done as the facility is forecasted to complete a few more weeks of harvesting. Kale, turnips and green beans, kale, and mustard greens are still flourishing. Thanks to all involved to make this successful!

The Correctional Industrial Facility (CIF) PLUS Unit has had another terrific year in the garden. Working under the instruction of three amazing Master Gardeners, the PLUS unit donated 8,260 lbs of fresh produce to six different food pantries in Madison County. The biggest producer at 3,500 lbs was cucumbers, but there were a total of 20 different vegetables grown this year. Seeds were donated by Lowe's in Anderson and Baker Seed Company and many were started at Pendleton in their greenhouse for CIF.

The Indiana State Prison congratulates Program Coordinator Donna Carneygee on her re-certification as a Certified Corrections Manager (CCE) by the American Correctional Association. Certified Corrections Professionals must complete a minimum of 100 Continuing Education hours in a variety of professional learning experiences and activities in corrections.

The following staff at Westville Correctional Facility were recognized at the latest quarterly assembly for their outstanding work: Facility Ambassador, Release Assistant Linda Jeffers; Custody Supervisor, Lt. Bradley Burkett; Non-Custody Supervisor, Tammy Wroblewski (Business Office); Non-Custody Employee, Case Worker Tracy Cornett; Officer Jason Parker; Contract Employee, Debby Reeger (CMS Medical Records); Field Training Officer, Officer Mark Woolum; Family First, Officer Alejandro Davila; Special Recognition, Officer Dennis Gulleeson and Sgt. Daniel Moynihan.

The Reception-Diagnostic Center is pleased to announce the promotions of Katie Hickey, Kristin Seneriz and Dwayne Critchfield to Classification Specialist. Congratulations to each of you on your hard work and dedication!

"Go Pink" was the theme for Miami staff who wore pink clothing and pink ribbon stickers to as a visual promotion of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The facility's Wellness Committee gave out pink ribbon stickers and pens to staff as they entered the facility. Staff were encouraged to get tested and have their loved ones tested. Early detection is the key. Breast cancer is the most common cancer among American women, except for skin cancers. About 1 in 8 women in the US will develop invasive breast cancer during their lifetime.

Pendleton employees Penny Eden, Fred McConnaughey and Doug Watson for successfully completing the Developing Professional Employees, Optimizing Heightened Effectiveness and Conquering Maximum Efficiency courses offered through CTI. Congratulations also go to Jason Earnest, Gregory Green, Jonathan Reed, Kayla Stiner and Chad Evans on their promotions to Correctional Sergeant.